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STANDARDS OF CARE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES January 7, 2010

Approved
9/2/2010

MEMBERS PRESENT	MEMBERS PRESENT, CONT.	PUBLIC	HIV EPI AND OAPP STAFF	COMM STAFF/ CONSULTANTS
Angélica Palmeros, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Everardo Orozco	Aaron Fox	None	Jane Nachazel
Mark Davis	Jennifer Sayles	Orville Bigelow		Doris Reed
David Giugni	Carlos Vega-Matos	Robert Boller		Craig Vincent-Jones
Louis Guitron		Fanny Garza		
Terry Goddard		Miki Jackson		
Brad Land	MEMBERS ABSENT	Dean Page		
Jenny O'Malley	Fariba Younai, <i>Co-Chair</i>	Jason Wise		

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- 4) **Standards of Care:** Residential, Transitional Services, 8/28/2009

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** Ms. Palmeros called the meeting to order at 9:30 am.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**
MOTION #1: Approve the Agenda Order, as presented (*Passed by Consensus*).
3. **APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES:**
MOTION #2: Minutes from the 12/3/2009 Standards of Care (SOC) Committee meeting approved (*Passed by Consensus*).
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:** There were no comments.
5. **COMMISSION COMMENT, NON-AGENDIZED:**
 - Mr. Orozco announced he is retiring from the Commission effective this month (January) for health reasons.
 - Mr. Goddard asked about the ADAP Fair Pricing Commission. Mr. Vincent-Jones responded that the national group negotiates rebates and that Julie Cross is a better information resource on the issue.
6. **PUBLIC/COMMISSION COMMENT FOLLOW-UP:** There were no comments.
7. **CO-CHAIRS' REPORT:** There was no report.
8. **STANDARDS OF CARE:**
 - A. **Medical Outpatient Services (MO):** Mr. Vincent-Jones reported that revisions are being incorporated and the standard will be presented for approval at the 1/14/2010 Commission meeting. In addition the Request for Proposal the RFP will be released between 1/15-31/2010 by the Office of AIDS Programs and Policy (OAPP).
 - B. **Residential, Transitional Services:**
 - Mr. Vega-Matos said that OAPP received provider input that Title 22 regulations were ambiguous about client eligibility and the process for transitioning to independent living, a process not part of the early epidemic's continuum of care.

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- OAPP conducted a chart review of the 99 beds contracted for Residential Care Facilities for the Chronically Ill (RCFCI) and the 26 contracted for Adult Residential Facilities (ARF). A significant proportion of clients, particularly in ARF, were ambulatory with many having Karnofsky scores >70. However, the State generally interprets Title 22 to preclude developing common independent living skills like a sliding payment schedule especially if the client receives SSI/SSD. Although OAPP only reimburses for people with HIV (PWH) services, Alegria houses families but has no mechanism for family members to contribute.
- OAPP recommends tightened eligibility requirements for RCFCI. Many ARF clients could be self-sufficient enough to benefit from HOPWA while a smaller number have disabling conditions benefitting more from supervision than care.
- OAPP plans to submit a letter to the State recommending regulation changes. While those are being considered, OAPP wants to offer clearer provider guidance and a mechanism to help PWH move toward independent living.
- OAPP is recommending that RCFCI eligibility require a Karnofsky of <70 with a primary care provider statement verifying need for ongoing activities of daily living assistance, a 24-month term limit extendable with OAPP approval and quarterly assessment. Also, family members could be charged up to 30% to defray costs and/or assist with chores like cooking.
- OAPP is recommending that ARF eligibility require a Karnofsky of 65 to 75 or 80, a Global Assessment of Functioning (GAF) of 65 or less and a 12-month limit. Staffing would be closer to transitional adult living with some supervision and providers would be allowed to charge up to 30% of income to teach independent living and defray costs not covered by OAPP. Eventually OAPP hopes to remove ARF from Title 22 and initiate a housing program better suited to this population.
- About 65% of RCFCI clients have income with some making \$30,000 per year. Undocumented clients, 20%-30%, are not eligible for other benefits. Better targeted services would make beds available for those needing them.
- Mr. Vega-Matos added that OAPP is talking with HOPWA and others to identify low-income housing for those transitioning out of care. Some providers are better at identifying options, but resources are tight especially with the poor economy.
- OAPP is preparing an RFP due by the end of January. Services are expected in the summer of 2010.
- Mr. Vega-Matos suggested that Transitional and Permanent Residential Services be combined into one standard with sections for each service. The Committee agreed.
- Mr. Vincent-Jones stated that the Commission had convened a group of housing providers to identify Title 22 inadequacies and contradictions. In addition, the Commission will prioritize legislation to revise Title 22 in 2010.
- ➡ Mr. Vega-Matos will coordinate with Mr. Vincent-Jones to draft a combined standard that distinguishes between care and housing for the 2/4/2010 SOC Committee meeting that will include a client discharge plan and a plan to transition provider services.

9. **SERVICE EFFECTIVENESS:** Mr. Vincent-Jones reported that he is completing a summary of work with OAPP. All indicators were reviewed with some deleted due to redundancy or lack of data. Data sources were chosen for productivity and engagement indicators (health and process). To address this and other issues, the Effectiveness Subcommittee will convene on 2/4/2010.

10. **STANDARDS REVIEW POLICIES:** This item was postponed.

11. **GRIEVANCE POLICY AND PROCEDURES:** This item was postponed.

12. **MEDICAL CARE COORDINATION (MCC):** A draft report is underway. There will be a meeting with OAPP next week.

13. **ACTIVITY UPDATES:** There was no additional discussion.

14. **COMMITTEE WORKPLAN:** This item was postponed.

15. **AETC REPORT:** This item was postponed.

16. **NEXT STEPS:** There was no additional discussion.

17. **ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Mr. Goddard reminded the Committee about the "Getting to Know Your Neighbor" Conference at the California Endowment on 1/8/2010.

18. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.